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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98,

Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 3-5562, published on January 25, 1991;

U.S. Patent No. 5,191,463 to MINOURA, issued on March 2, 1993. Applicants note that this document is a patent family member of above-listed JP 3-5562;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 5-346553, published on December 27, 1993, together with an English language translation of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 7-230051, published on August 29, 1995;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 7-287180, published on October 31, 1995;

U.S. Patent No. 5,646,767 to IIMA et al., issued July 8, 1997. Applicants note that this document is a patent family member of above-listed JP 7-230051 and JP 7-287180;

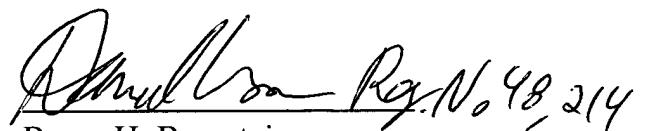
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Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 11-84303, published on March 26, 1999; U.S. Patent No. 5,946,126 to TAKEUCHI, issued on August 31, 1999. Applicants note that this document is a patent family member of above-listed JP 11-84303; and Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-305459, published on October 31, 2001, together with an English language translation of the same.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents and enclosed translations. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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